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TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On behalf of the Latin American delegations indicated in the attached statement, I hereby urgently request you to have this statement circulated as a General Assembly document.

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The delegations of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela consider that they should reaffirm their position regarding the candidate put forward for the chairmanship of the First Committee.

1. The request made to the Latin American representatives for the withdrawal of the Latin American candidate for the chairmanship of the First Committee was never presented as an appeal for co-operation in resolving the crisis which is at present impairing the functioning of the Organization.

2. The appeal to the Latin American representatives not to press the candidacy of Ambassador Germán Zea of Colombia was based on arguments which had nothing to do with the efforts being made to resolve the present crisis.

3. Accordingly, the Latin American representatives do not consider themselves bound to accede to this appeal and have unanimously decided to maintain the Latin American candidacy, particularly since it was put forward, with absolute priority, on 17 December 1963.

The aforementioned delegations therefore wish to state that it is in no sense fair or reasonable to hold the Latin American candidacy for the chairmanship of the First Committee responsible for the difficulties facing the Assembly in its efforts to overcome the basic disagreements arising out of the financial problem, which continues to be the immediate obstacle to the normal functioning of the Assembly.

New York, 3 February 1965

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